

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[Docket No. FWS–R2–ES–2025–N019;
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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Status Reviews of 3 Species in the Southwest

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are conducting 5-year status reviews of 3 plant species under the Endangered Species Act. A 5-year status review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review; therefore, we are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the last reviews for the species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, we are requesting submission of new information no later than August 14, 2025. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For details on how to request or submit information, see Request for Information and How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information? in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on a particular species,

contact the appropriate person or office listed in the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. For general information, contact Beth Forbus, by telephone at 505–318–8972 or by email at Beth_Forbus@fws.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Why do we conduct 5-Year reviews?**

Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year status reviews, refer to our factsheet at <https://www.fws.gov/project/five-year-status-reviews>.

What information do we consider in our review?

A 5-year status review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting these reviews, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the listing determination or most recent status review, such as:

A. Species biology, including but not limited to population trends, distribution, abundance, demographics, and genetics;

B. Habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

C. Conservation measures that have been implemented that benefit the species;

D. Threat status and trends in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA); and

E. Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information will be considered during the 5-year status review and will also be useful in evaluating the ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Which species are under review?

The species in table 1 are under active 5-year status review.

TABLE 1—SPECIES UNDER ACTIVE 5-YEAR STATUS REVIEW

Species	Scientific name	Status	Location	Listing citations and applicable rules	Contact	Address
PLANTS						
Tobusch fishhook cactus.	<i>Sclerocactus breviflamatus</i> ssp. <i>tobuschii</i> .	Threatened	Texas	44 FR 64736; 11/7/1979, 83 FR 22392; 5/15/2018.	Field Supervisor, 512–937–7371 (phone) or esaustininfo@fws.gov (email).	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin Ecological Services Field Office, 1505 Ferguson Lane, Austin, TX 78754
Chisos Mountain hedgehog cactus.	<i>Echinocereus chisoensis</i> var. <i>chisoensis</i> .	Threatened	Texas	53 FR 38453; 9/30/1988.		
Bunched Cory cactus	<i>Coryphantha ramillosa</i> .	Threatened	Texas	44 FR 64247; 11/6/1979.		

Request for Information

To ensure that a 5-year status review is complete and based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. See What Information Do We Consider in Our Review? for specific criteria. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used

to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How do I ask questions or provide information?

If you wish to provide information for any species under review, please submit your comments and materials to the appropriate contact in table 1. You may

also direct questions to those contacts. For general questions, contact the person under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other

personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Completed and Active Reviews

A list of all completed and currently active 5-year status reviews can be found at <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-five-year-review>.

Authority

This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

[Docket No. USGS–2025–0004; OMB Control Number 1028–NEW; GX25DJ70GY100000;]

Agency Information Collection

Activities: USGS Generic Clearance for Water Availability Information Collections

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS, we) is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments. To be considered, your comments must be received on or before August 14, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Internet:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. USGS–2025–0004.

- **U.S. Mail:** USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Katrina Alger by email at kalger@usgs.gov, or by telephone at 608–828–9901. Individuals in the United States

who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 7, 2024 (89 FR 88302). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- (4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment

to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Water information is fundamental to national and local economic well-being, protection of life and property, and the effective management of the Nation's water resources. The USGS works with partners to monitor, assess, conduct targeted research, and deliver information on a wide range of water resources and conditions, as mandated by the SECURE Water Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11, title IX, subtitle F of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009). This legislation emphasizes the need for updated, reliable data to support water resource planning and management, and specifically directs the USGS to improve assessments and forecasts of water availability, defined as “the balance between water supply and demand, as determined using a set of core components of water quality, quantity, and use.”

This generic information collection clearance will centralize administration of USGS public data collections in the topic area of water availability—encompassing both the supply and demand aspects, as well as water quality, access, and usage patterns—and allow for more systematic and timely collections that will benefit new and ongoing research programs within the Water Resources Mission Area.

The USGS plans a variety of qualitative and quantitative data collection methods under this clearance, which may include surveys, interviews, and focus groups. The exact nature of the instruments and samples is dependent on each individual project and details will be provided for each individual information collection request submitted, following OMB requirements. The bureau commits to ensuring that all collections are voluntary, minimally burdensome, noncontroversial, and only conducted with informed participant consent. All data collected will protect respondent privacy to the extent permitted by law, with a particular emphasis on protecting PII. Any information collected will not be used to influence policy decisions directly and will only be disseminated in aggregated or anonymized formats, adhering to strict guidelines for scientific integrity and privacy. Respondents will be informed of all planned data uses. Measures will be taken to minimize public burden to the greatest extent possible, including review and pre-testing of instruments to ensure clarity and relevance, and using